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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

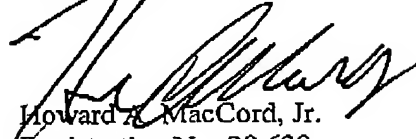
Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2006, Applicant provisionally elects Embodiment A. In addition to the generic claims identified by the Examiner, namely, claims 1, 18 and 29 counsel finds that claims 9, 10, 17, 24 and 30 are also generic, since none of them have limitations that make them specific to any of the species identified by the Examiner in the Office Action.

As to the Embodiment A, an embodiment having a pierced weir, specific claims readable on that species are claims 2, 3, 4, 19, and 20.

Counsel also wishes to express his appreciation to the Examiner for the indication that each and every one of the species are independent and therefore, separately patentable. Otherwise, of course, the Examiner would not have made a Restriction Requirement. The necessary implication of this, of course, is that, if any one of the species is found in the prior art, that prior art is insufficient to establish anticipation or obviousness of any of other species.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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